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In the Claims

13. (amended) An isolated and purified nucleic acid molecule comprising the sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:38, or a fragment thereof.

15 (newly added). The nucleic acid molecule of claim 13 further comprising a nucleic acid molecule encoding a linker peptide.

16 (newly added). The nucleic acid molecule of claim 15 wherein the nucleic acid molecule encoding the linker peptide is at the 5' end of SEQ ID NO: 38.

17 (newly added). The nucleic acid molecule of claim 15 wherein the nucleic acid molecule encoding the linker peptide is at the 3' end of SEQ ID NO: 38.

18 (newly added) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 13 further comprising a nucleic acid molecule encoding a protein of interest.

19. (newly added) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 15 further comprising a nucleic acid molecule encoding a protein of interest.

20 (newly added) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 15 further comprising a nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of a nucleic acid molecule encoding: an extracellular domain of a membrane-bound receptor protein, a cytokine or cytokine-like protein, a neurotrophin, and a metalloprotease.

21 (newly added) A nucleic acid molecule encoding a fusion polypeptide, comprising from 5' to 3', the nucleic acid molecule of SEQ ID NO: 38 or a fragment of SEQ ID NO: 38, a nucleic acid molecule encoding a linker peptide, and a nucleic acid molecule encoding a protein of interest.

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22 (newly added) A nucleic acid molecule encoding a fusion polypeptide, comprising from 5' to 3', a nucleic acid molecule encoding a protein of interest, a nucleic acid molecule encoding a linker peptide, and the nucleic acid molecule encoding SEQ ID NO:38 or a fragment of SEQ ID NO:38.

23 (newly added) A nucleic acid molecule encoding a fusion polypeptide, comprising from 5' to 3', the nucleic acid molecule of SEQ ID NO: 38 or a fragment of SEQ ID NO: 38, and a nucleic acid molecule encoding a protein of interest.

24 (newly added) A nucleic acid molecule encoding a fusion polypeptide, comprising from 5' to 3', a nucleic acid molecule encoding a protein of interest and the nucleic acid molecule encoding SEQ ID NO:38 or a fragment of SEQ ID NO:38.

25 (newly added) A nucleic acid molecule that is a fusion protein DNA.

26 (newly added) A nucleic acid molecule encoding a 14-3-3 polypeptide in combination with a protein of interest.

27 (newly added) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 25 further encoding a linker peptide.

28 (newly added) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 26 further encoding a linker peptide.

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### REMARKS

This patent application is a divisional of USSN 08/997,918, filed December 24, 1997. Upon entry of this preliminary amendment to the record, claims 13-24 will be pending.